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Dropping the puck
Archie Stouffer Elementary School takes on the Haliburton County OPP. See more photos on page 2.
/TIM YANO Special to the *Times*

MH Fire Department launches SAFE project

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

Smoke Alarms for Everyone.

That's Minden Hills Fire Department's new goal; to ensure households in the township are equipped with working detectors and educated about the importance of them.

Thanks to Minden Home Hardware Building Centre 250 smoke detectors were donated to the program.

"This is a free program that we're offering through the township," said Robert Thibert, acting fire chief. "Minden is no stranger to fatal fires. My goal when I came here was to have that number at zero and remain there."

He said dysfunctional smoke alarms are the leading cause of fatal fires, and most fatal fires happen at night when residents are asleep.

Statistics Canada says one in 10 residential fires in Canada occur in a building with no working fire alarm.

"We've developed a community safety team with five firefighters, and when a smoke alarm program request comes in, we send a couple of them to go and engage in some fire safety communications and to install an alarm if needed," Thibert said.

The team also checks the working order of carbon monoxide detectors.

Minden is leading the way with this initiative.

"This is with the support of our municipal council. They're really putting the safety of our community first," Thibert said.

Minden Hills is the first of the four townships in the county to adopt this type of fire safety program.

In Ontario, working smoke alarms are required on each story and outside all sleeping areas.

Carbon monoxide detectors must be

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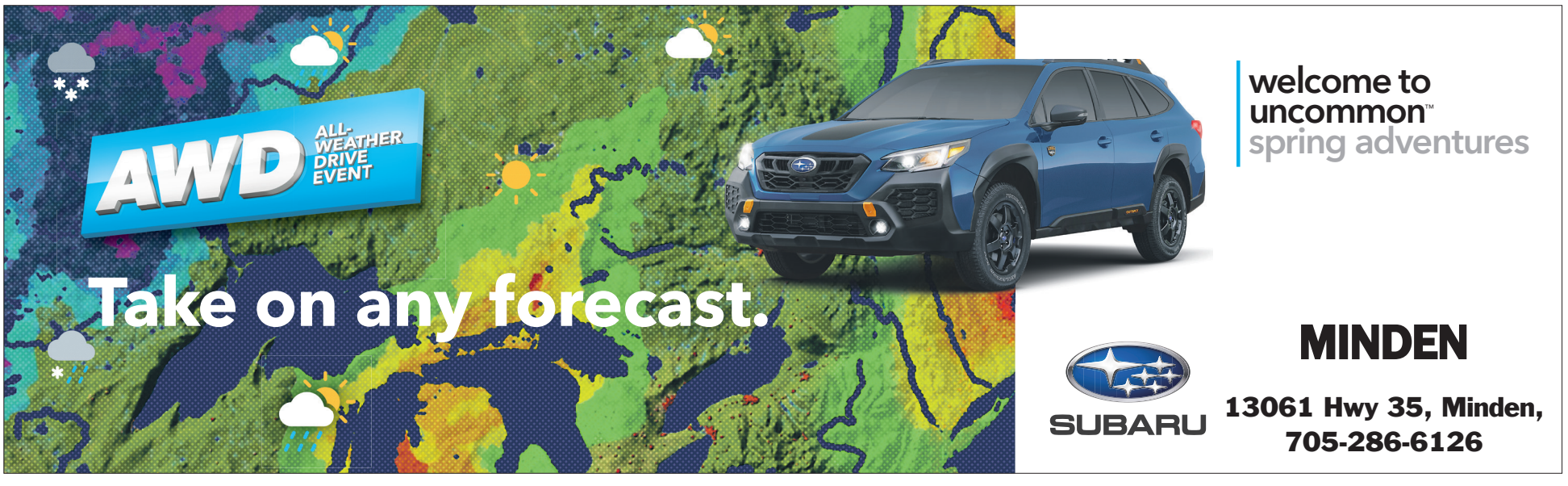

Ontario Provincial Police square off against ASES

Many penalty shots were taken by ASES. It was an exciting game for both players and spectators last Friday at the S.G. Nesbitt arena. /TIM YANO Special to the *Times*

County waits to name OPP detachment board member

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County's new OPP Detachment Board is taking shape.

The new detachment board will be comprised of seven members. One from Haliburton County council and one each from councils in the four lower tier municipalities.

One community member jointly appointed by county and local municipal councils will be included along with a provincial appointee to round out the board's necessary seven members.

The new legislation states that former members of the OPP are prohibited from serving as detachment board members. But people who were members of police services other than the OPP can be on the board.

Warden Liz Danielsen, Algonquin Highlands' mayor, said there's been discussion about having the county's representative on the board be switched out in favour of another individual from the public.

Gary Dyke, the county's CAO and clerk, said that would require an amendment to provincial regulations governing the makeup of the new OPP detachment boards.

"Which is a bit of a process," he said. "I think there's some merit to proceeding in that fashion."

Appointing a county representative wouldn't prevent council from requesting such a change later, he said.

"I'd like us to proceed with trying to get the regulation changed so that we could have another public member," Danielsen said. "To me, that seems like a much more balanced approach. To have five members of county council seems a bit heavy."

Councillor Bob Carter, who is the mayor of Minden Hills, said he supports a second public representative. His only concern is that, because of how the province appoints representatives, the new position may not be filled until sometime in 2025.

"It has to go through the legislature," he said.

It could be more beneficial if the county went ahead and appointed a representative. That would enable the board to have meetings this year, he said.

A number of lower tier representatives have been appointed to the board for their respective councils. Danielsen suggested the county's appointment be deferred to allow remaining councillors time to consider being on the board.

Councillor Murray Fearrey, who is Dysart's mayor, was designated to be his municipality's representative on the board during the township council's March 26 meeting.

But Danielsen then asked Fearrey to serve as the county's representative on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

So during a special meeting of Dysart council April 9, Fearrey relinquished his seat on the police board in favour of being the county's presence on the health board.

"I had to make a choice because they're both a lot of work," Fearrey said at Dysart council. "I have the time, but I don't have the energy to do justice to both."

Coun. Walt McKechnie, Dysart's deputy mayor, will be that municipality's representative on the police detachment board.

Carter was chosen to be Minden Hills' representative on the detachment board.

Council agreed to defer the board appointment until the next meeting.

County's poverty, housing issues to be at the fore

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A summit to delve into some of Haliburton County's housing issues will take place this fall.

Sue Tiffin, the Community Safety and Well-Being plan coordinator, said there are three plan-initiated collaborative events on the calendar. They are the second annual First Responders Day, a youth online art exhibition, and a newly-created service providers summit.

The Bridges Out of Poverty Training on April 20 is organized by the Poverty Reduction Roundtable. That free session consists of condensed training of the Bridges Out of Poverty program.

This program is a framework for understanding poverty and the hidden rules of economic class. The framework is used to develop programs and strategies that improve relationships at the front-line level, improve outcomes at the organizational level, and improve systems at the community level.

The second annual First Responders Day May 1 is a collaborative community open house event that will be held at bases, halls, and stations throughout Haliburton County.

People will be able to meet emergency personnel, learn about available programs and services, hear about volunteer and career opportunities, understand how to prepare for emergencies, and get an up-close look at emergency equipment and vehicles.

This event will be spread across the Stanhope Firefighters Hall in Algonquin Highlands, Highlands East Fire Department's Station 4 in Wilberforce, Dysart Fire Department in Haliburton, and at the EMS Base, Minden Hills Fire Department and Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment in Minden.

On May 9, Dr. Sandra McNeil's research, called Recovery, Identity, Resistance, will be presented virtually by way of Zoom.

It's a virtual presentation and film based on interviews conducted with people with lived experience of substance use living in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County.

The event is free and open to service providers and members of the public wanting to get involved in fostering a compassionate and evidence-based approach to substance use and mental health in Haliburton County.

Anti-Stigma, Harm Reduction, Naloxone training will take place May 13 and 16 for staff to recognize and understand the opioid crisis and bring awareness to what is happening in the community.

Interested staff members from City of Kawartha Lakes, Dysart et al, Haliburton County Public Library, Point in Time and Haliburton County Youth Hub have received this training.

Haliburton County residents under the age of 30 will be asked this fall to share their thoughts and concerns on one or all of the four identified priority areas of Haliburton County's CSWB plan through artwork, photography, or a digital piece. Work will be uploaded to a virtual exhibition site hosted by the Rails End Gallery.

On Oct. 9, local service providers and those from outside the county who support residents in this catchment area, will gather to discuss well-being of frontline workers.

The events calendar will round up with a housing summit Oct. 24 hosted by Places4People.

"The report is indicative of a lot of work that's going on," said Warden Liz Danielsen, Algonquin Highlands' mayor.

Safety top priority

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installed outside of sleeping areas as well.

All detectors should be tested monthly, and most only last a maximum of 10 years.

"We have people that come in to the store all the time to purchase smoke detectors," said Steve Teel from Minden Home Hardware. "We realize that not everyone can afford something like that, especially with the way the prices of everything are right now."

Thibert said the program is needed because it's unfair to ask families to purchase a new detector if they have a low income.

"If a smoke alarm is $40 and a family is tight on groceries, food will likely take priority for them," he said.

Requests for the program can be made by phoning the firehall, and soon requests can be made online through the Township of Minden Hills website.

"Our top priority is the safety of residents and visitors," said Thibert.

"If we can save lives and be part of it, we jump at the chance to do something like that," Teel added.

OPP investigating mischief

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are seeking assistance in identifying the suspect(s) responsible for mischiefs which have occurred at an educational facility in Haliburton County.

There have been two reported incidents of graffiti type damage to the educational facility over the last week. Haliburton Highlands OPP is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the person(s) responsible.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP is committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. Anyone with information regarding these incidents, are asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips may also be provided through the Crime Stopper's website by visiting www.khcrimestoppers.com.

Submited by Haliburton Highlands OPP

Correction

In the April 10 edition of *Minden Times*, there was a mistake in the Mercantile's first chicken day article. The Andrew that founded the homesteading group was Andrew Macgillvray, not Andrew von Zuben. In addition to this, the inventory figures were incorrectly cited and should have been listed as $60,000. We apologise for these errors.

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- Connection and Response, an exhibit by artist Bruce Cull will be on display from April 4 – June 8 in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM. Admission is by donation. For more info: https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2024-04-04-1000-Connection-and-Response-An-Exhibit-by-Bruce-Cull
- In recognition of Earth Day, join the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Haliburton County Public Library for a special screening of "The Magnitude of All Things" (2020) at the Cultural Centre on Thursday, April 18 at 5:00 PM. Admission is free. All ages are welcome. For more info: https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2024-04-18-1700-The-Magnitude-of-All-Things-Documentary-Screening
- The UFO's (Unfinished Objects Craft Group) will be meeting at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden on Friday, April 19 from 1 -3 pm. Bring your unfinished projects to work on and a snack. All are welcome!

COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL, IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- **April 25** – Regular Council Meeting
- **May 9** – Regular Council Meeting
- **May 30** – Regular Council Meeting
- **June 13** – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx. Visit our website for more information.

SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS (HALF LOADS) IN EFFECT

Half Load weight restrictions are placed on roadways and posted each year in the spring for approximately 1-2 months. Persons contravening this regulation will be prosecuted under Section 122 of The Highway Traffic Act. Please watch for and obey posted signage. Visit www.mindenhills.ca for updates.

EARTH DAY CONTESTS

In support of Earth Day, the Township is running an Earth Day Contest, giving one Minden Hills resident an opportunity to win a new FoodCycler unit! Send us a picture of an eco-friendly initiative within Minden Hills such as a roadside clean up, and your name will be entered into a draw to win a FoodCycler unit. Include the location details of your eco-friendly initiative.

Also in celebration of Earth Day, the Township has an Earth Day colouring contest. Stop by the Township Office or any waste disposal site to pick up a colouring page. All submissions are to be emailed to ccosh@mindenhills.ca. Deadline to submit your entries is April 30, 2024.

NO DAYTIME BURNING – MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPT

No daytime burning from April 1st to October 31st in any year. It is considered fire season. Fire restrictions are from 7:00 AM till 7:00 PM (daytime burning). No person shall start a fire outdoors during the restricted time in fire season.

GROUP FITNESS REGISTRATION

Spring Yoga and Group Fitness Registration now open. To register please visit www.mindenhills.ca/recreation or in person at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena (55 Parkside St., Minden).

REPORTING ISSUES

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What's in a name?

We did it! After four months of listening, creativity, engaging discussions and discernment and *so much community support,* the decision has been made. Within the next few months, Abbey Retreat Centre (ARC) will officially change our name to Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre.

The name is inspired by the two "singing" brooks on either side of the retreat centre that evoke a sense of deep connection with nature, calm and flowing energy, and the stories or songs that each one of us have to tell about our lives.

"Our new name reflects both our beautiful location and the peacefulness that participants experience on retreat. This name provides a great foundation to move forward as we continue to create a legacy-making and life-changing impact for future participants facing a cancer diagnosis," said Lynda Shephard, chair of the ARC Board of Directors. "While we share the grounds with Abbey Gardens and have a close working relationship with them, we are two different organisations and know that our new name of Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre will help remove any confusion within the community and help both organisations grow."

Located in Haliburton, and surrounded by lush forests, brooks and ponds, Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre (formerly known as Abbey Retreat Centre) provides a variety of in-person and online retreats and programs that offer renewal, companionship, and evidence-informed practices that tend body, mind, and soul in the midst of a cancer diagnosis. We are unique in our approach which includes support people/caregivers who also find solace and community with people who are going through the same challenging cancer experience. Although there are no fees associated with participating in one of our retreats or online gatherings, it takes a generous and caring community to financially support our programs. We are grateful to all who contribute financially and to our volunteers, who ensure no one walks alone through a cancer experience.

"Working alongside a group of dedicated community volunteers, Thea and I were honoured to help in the creation of the Abbey Retreat Centre in 2016," said John Patterson, Founder and ongoing ARC supporter. "We are thrilled to see how much it has grown and look forward to watching Brooksong expand into our next phase, while continuing the goal of the transformation and strengthening of whole-person (body, mind and soul) cancer care."

Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre (formerly known as Abbey Retreat Centre) offers a whole-person approach to health and wellbeing. We serve people at any stage of a cancer diagnosis, as well as their key support people or caregivers.

Submitted by Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre

Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre, previously Abbey Retreat Centre, announces the organization's new name during No One Dances Alone, a fundraiser event and concert held at the Haliburton Legion on Friday, April 12. The night featured performances by Adverse Conditions and the priMates. /TIM YANO Special to the *Times*

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Five Counties Children's Centre set to return

It's a homecoming of sorts for Five Counties Children's Centre, as it re-establishes its physical presence in Haliburton County.

Five Counties has signed a new lease for space at the Minden site of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (6 McPherson St.). The renovated, approximately 700-square-foot space is just off the main entrance, situated on the second floor of the Community Health Wing of the HHHS site. This space will allow Five Counties staff to see and support more kids, youth and families in Haliburton County.

"We are pleased to reach agreement with Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) on this space that will allow Five Counties to provide care closer to home," says Scott Pepin, CEO of Five Counties Children's Centre. "Re-establishing our presence in Minden will save local families the need to drive to Lindsay or Peterborough to access treatment and therapy services."

Moving into the HHHS site in Minden is a homecoming for Five Counties, which previously leased another portion of the facility. That arrangement came to an end when HHHS had to reclaim the space during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"HHHS is delighted to welcome Five Counties Children's Centre back into our building," says Veronica Nelson, President and CEO of HHHS. "Five Counties' dedication to the community through therapy and treatment services to support children with physical, developmental, and communication needs and their families, is inspiring. HHHS looks forward to a continued partnership with Five Counties to bring health and wellbeing to our younger local population."

Five Counties Children's Centre s returning to the Minden site of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. It has signed a new lease for approximately 700-square-foot space of treatment space, situated on the second floor of the Community Health Wing of the HHHS site. The new site will help to boost supports for families in Haliburton County. /Submitted

Five Counties provides speech, occupational, and physical therapies, as well as other kids' treatment services, in Haliburton County, Peterborough, City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County. Five Counties staff work in Centre sites in Minden, Lindsay, Peterborough, Cobourg and Campbellford, as well as in local schools and virtually to support kids and youth from birth right up to age 19 (age 21 if still in school).

Five Counties was established in Peterborough in 1975, but has supported families in Haliburton County since the late 1980s. Last year, Five Counties served more than 6,200 children and youth across its region – the most in its history. Of this total, nearly 250 kids and youth received treatment services in Haliburton County.

"We know that early intervention – especially when it comes to how a child talks or walks – is so important to help kids reach their full potential," Pepin says. "Parents and caregivers are dealing with so much already if their child has been diagnosed or identified with unique needs that impact their development. That's why making it easier for families to get the help they need when they need right in their own community is essential."

Post-pandemic, Five Counties has been seeking new space in Haliburton County. In the past year or so, Five Counties opened a new satellite location at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden, using a repurposed classroom for treatment space. The space has been useful as a base of operations for Five Counties staff to see local families and provide treatment in area schools.

"We're extremely grateful to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, which has been very generous in allowing us to use the classroom space as a way to see kids, students and families right here in their own community," Pepin adds.

Even with Five Counties moving into the HHHS site in Minden, the Centre will continue to use the space at Archie Stouffer school for physiotherapy services, as the wider space there is ideal for this treatment.

Plans are also in the works later this spring to hold an official public open house to mark the return of Five Counties to the HHHS site in Minden, details of which will be announced very soon.

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Watch out for peepers

YOU KNOW spring has sprung when the peepers begin leaping across the county's roads. Last week, I was on the way home from Haliburton on Gelert road and did my best at avoiding the little frogs.

Recently, I had the pleasure of interviewing Leora Berman from The Land Between and Turtle Guardians. In conversation with Berman, I learned that there have been sightings of Blanding's turtles in the county already.

After seeing these frogs and hearing that turtles have come out of brumation, it has reminded me just how lucky we are to have so many acres of wetlands, lakes, and rivers.

THOMAS SMITH
Editor

This weekend, I was shocked to see it snowing. Hopefully the frogs didn't put their toque away for the year. For the turtles that have started to sunbathe and venture forth from their winter slumber, it is possible that the sudden decrease in temperature will cold-stun them. Cold-stunning makes turtles weak, disoriented and possibly unable to swim. In this vulnerable state, turtles are susceptible to predators, early season boaters, and disease.

Berman says that the development of land is the leading cause of turtle endangerment. Whether it was development, or an inexperienced citizen trying to do good, the locally famous snapping turtle Grace is no longer with us. Her remains were found in an entirely different watershed than where she lived for potentially hundreds of years.

People will respond by saying that development is necessary because we are in a housing crisis. That is no excuse to cause the extinction of an animal that was around for millions of years before us.

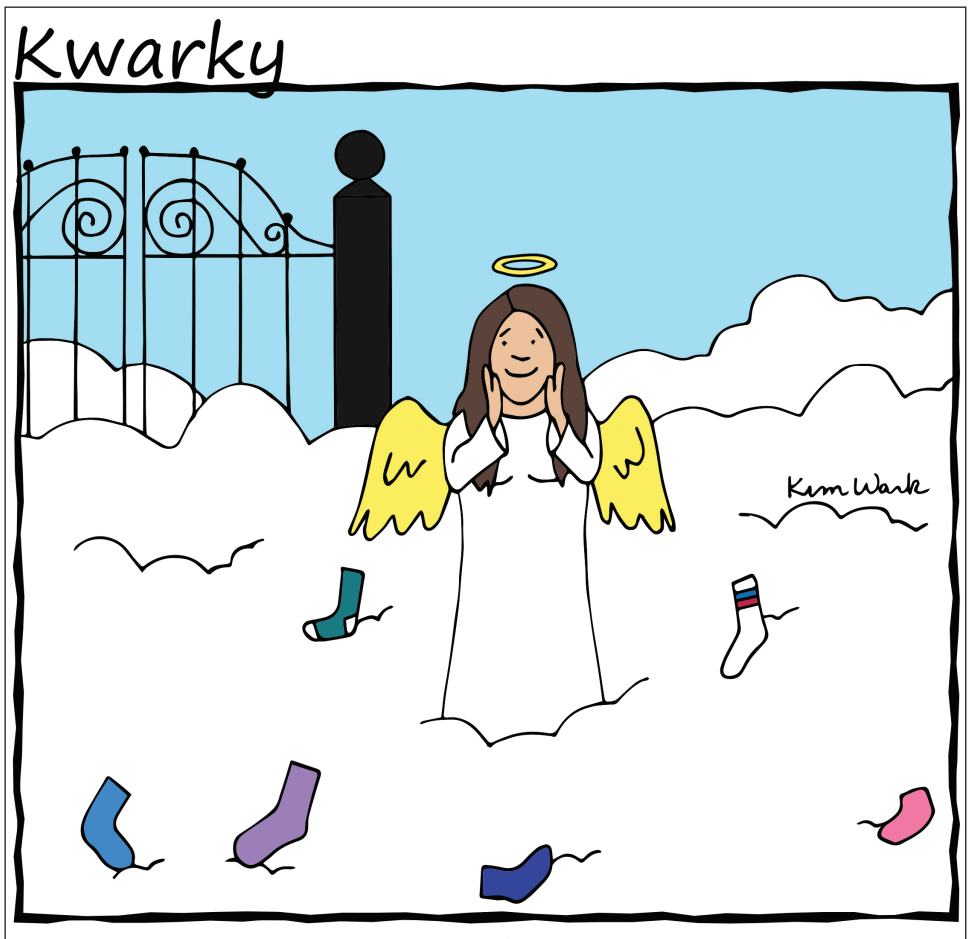
That is coming from someone that will likely never own a home.

Many people have come to me to say that has fallen in the Gull River and it should be removed. There are concerns that tourists and tubers on the river are going to pop their tubes. I have been told that there is little that can be done to the tree because of its proximity to the shoreline. No one has come to me to say their support for the generations of fish, crayfish, and other wildlife that love their new home in the river.

This brings me to the current issues in Algonquin Highlands with the shoreline on Maple Lake. It seems that someone has greedily claimed a shoreline that should be accessible for everyone to enjoy. Shame.

The development of land in Ontario should be carefully planned, instead of hastily thrown up for the greedy. Many express anger and disgust at apartment buildings ruining the view, but densely populated living situations will be necessary in the future. Instead of developing our sacred wetlands, why can't we develop preexisting structures? Places like the Rockcliffe and Frost Centre sit empty and yet I can see bulldozers flattening habitats near Gull Lake.

What needs to change before we realize that liveable and walkable communities provide more benefits to your wellbeing than cookie cutter suburbia and mansions?



'That's where my lost socks went!''

Hints that fishing season is here

IF YOU live with an angler, you probably have a sense that the fishing season is drawing near. This is very likely fueled by the clues that you might see in and around the house.

For instance, Jenn has recently noticed that there are four fly rods tastefully adding to the decor in our living room. And, for added flourish, there's also a trout net on the dining room table.

Keen-eyed as she is, she has also observed that, more often than not, I have feathers and fur in my beard these days from tying trout flies.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

Of course, Jenn is an old hand at this. She is now so experienced that she can tell me what fly I am tying solely based on the remnant materials in my beard. The other day, for example, she noted that I was tying another batch of marabou muddler minnows. Then she went so far as to ascertain the hook size after examining the size of the deer hair clippings.

But Jenn has endured many trout seasons with me, and I would expect no less. In fact, she is such a veteran at this that she never so much as bats an eye when I use my old wicker creel as a lunch box.

Those new at this, however, are not so well-versed in the clues. So, as a public service, I will go over a few in the hopes that this will clear up some misunderstandings before they become larger issues.

For instance, if you find live bait in your fridge in Styrofoam containers that look alarmingly like the kind used to hold take-out food, it is probably not because your angling half has decided to follow some new Internet diet.

I say probably, because you can never rule stuff like this out these days, especially if they are "adventurous" eaters. Having said that, it is more likely that those worms are merely being kept fresh for an upcoming fishing trip.

Similarly, if there is an awful smell emanating from your basement, it is likely due to your angling spouse "airing out" his or her waders, which is another key indicator that fishing season is upon us. And, if no waders are in sight, don't be alarmed. Your angler is probably just cooking up a catfish stink bait.

There are other less subtle clues too. Chief among them is a new fishing boat in the driveway.

Also, fishing will seem to slip into every conversation. For instance, not that long ago we were at a social gathering and one of my spouse's friends blurted out that she plans on "hooking up with my man as soon as he gets home from his business trip." So, I naturally assumed they had a fishing trip planned. Which was a harmless assumption, until I asked if it would be OK for me to join in.

The point is, for the observant spouse of an angler, it is not all too difficult to ascertain when the fishing season has arrived in earnest. All you have to do is look around and make the right assumptions based on the evidence before you.

By the way, my wife's friend said no, perhaps a little too forcefully. Which means, unless I'm way off base, they've got a pretty good spot…

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

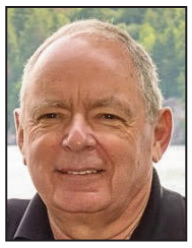
My foxy friend

I'M OPPOSED to feeding wild animals. They get to like human food, depend on it and stop foraging for their natural foods.

However, I have a confession to make: I've been feeding a fox. It showed up in my yard one day looking shabby, thin and hungry. I noticed it was limping. Its left hind leg appeared to be badly injured.

The poor critter obviously was having difficulty hunting and probably would starve so I decided to help. I began putting out scraps of leftover meat.

Now we've become friends. it doesn't limp off and hide if I come outside when it is in the yard. And, it comes occasionally to sleep in the sun on my deck.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

It's not surprising that we have gotten to know each other better and become friends. The friendly relationship between foxes and humans goes back hundreds of years.

Researchers opened a 16,500-year-old grave in Jordan and found the remains of a man and his pet fox. This was 4,000 years before the first-known human and domestic dog were buried together.

Some people see foxes as pests to be eliminated. Fox hunting has been a popular sport in Britain since the 16th century and continues today. It is legal to hunt down a fox in Britain with dogs if the fox has been damaging your property.

They are not easy prey to catch. They can run 70 kilometres an hour, jump three feet in the air and are so agile they can climb fences and traverse roofs.

They also have incredible endurance. There is one report of an Arctic fox walking almost 5,000 kilometres from Norway to Canada in three months. That's more that 50 kilometres a day.

Foxes are members of the canine family but have some characteristics of cats. They have sensitive canine whiskers, spines on their tongues and walk on their toes, giving them their graceful cat-like tread.

Gray foxes, like cats, have retractable claws, making them the only members of the dog family that can climb trees.

But the fox has something that cats, and other animals, do not have: The ability to use the earth's magnetic field to hunt. A fox can sense that magnetic field and when it lines it up with noise from a hidden mouse or bird, it pounces, most often successfully.

Oher animals are known to use the magnetic field for navigation but the fox is the only one known to use it for hunting.

Its clever hunting skills are only one reason that we humans have developed phrases such as sly as a fox and cunning as a fox. Since ancient times humans have observed how foxes display high levels of intelligence in finding food, avoiding predators, protecting their young and generally surviving in hostile environments.

We also see them as tricksters, as illustrated by The Fox and The Crow fable attributed to the Greek storyteller Aesop.

The story tells of a fox trotting through the forest, looking for food. It spies a crow sitting in a tree. The crow is holding in its beak a chunk of cheese the fox thinks would make a lovely start to breakfast.

The fox walks to the base of the tree and says: "Good morning, beautiful creature."

The crow cocks its head to one side but does not reply, nor open its beak. So, the fox lays on more flattery, saying such a beautiful bird must have an exquisite voice. If she sang a song, she would become known as the Queen of the Birds.

The crow opens her beak to make a loud caw. The cheese falls directly into the fox's mouth.

My fox was back the other day and was looking healthy. Its limp was gone, the sheen had returned to its coat and its tail was bushy with luxurious new growth.

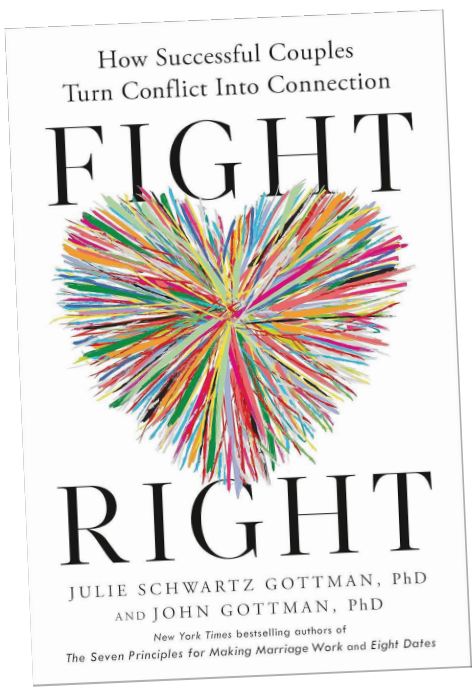
It obviously is able to look after itself again and hunt the bush to catch whatever it needs to eat. However, it probably hasn't forgotten the ease with which it has been getting a free meal in my yard.

Friends or not, I intend to be watchful for any fox trickery.

Minden Memories

Mr. Vince Fountain was the supervisor of the powerhouse of the Orillia Light, Water and Power Company, which operated the Workman's Falls dam. /Photo courtesy of Minden Hills Cultural Centre

HCPL's Book of the Week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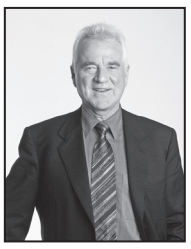
The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work and Eight Dates

How we fight predicts the future of our relationships. Most of us blunder into conflict without knowing what we are really fighting about and then quickly become overwhelmed by physiological responses we can't control and emotions we don't anticipate. The truth is the happiest and most successful couples fight – all the time. Conflict is human, and necessary.

In *Fight Right*, we learn the five secrets that help us to get back on track and harness conflict to build stronger, healthier relationships.

Fight Right by Julie Schwartz Gottman and John Gottman is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Want to fix the economy? Start by fixing our tax system



FRANK STRONACH
Principles

FOR MOST Canadians, April is the time of year when frustration and anger over our convoluted, loophole-ridden tax system is at its highest.

For those looking for tax relief this year, there's not much hope. On the contrary, Canadians got hit with several tax hikes earlier this month, including payroll tax increases and an increase to the carbon tax levied on gas and home heating fuel.

Those hoping for simpler, easier-to-fill-out forms will also be disappointed. With each passing year, the tax system gets more complicated, with new forms and new layers of tax credits for everyone from remote workers to families who add a second living unit to their home.

Everyone knows the tax system is broken and needs to be fixed, but nothing ever gets done to make it simpler, fairer and easier.

Over the years Canada's personal income tax code has swelled in size and gotten more complex with thousands of mind-boggling passages like the following:

"Subsection 18.1(10) applies where (a) a taxpayer's particular right to receive production to which a matchable expenditure (other than an expenditure no portion of which would, if this section were read without reference to subsections 18.1(7) and 18.1(10), be deductible under subsection 18.1(3) in computing the taxpayer's income) relates has expired or the taxpayer has disposed of all of the right (otherwise than in a disposition to which subsection 87(1) or 88(1) applies)."

As the example above shows, the current tax system is far too tangled to ever unknot. It needs to be scrapped and replaced with something far less complicated.

In terms of personal income, I would create a dead-simple, black-and-white income tax formula with a clear progression in tax rates. Like the current system, those making more would pay more. The main difference, however, is there would be no loopholes or write-offs, and the tax rates would be much lower for the majority of Canadians.

Come tax filing time, to figure out how much you owe, all you would need are two numbers – the tax rate for your income bracket and the exact amount of income you earned.

The end result of this proposed reform is that our personal income tax system would be straightforward, clear-cut and easy to understand. Most Canadians would pay less. And because of the elimination of all exemptions, loopholes and write-offs, the very rich would end up paying more.

I would further overhaul the tax system by undertaking a number of other major reforms.

The most important of these would apply to small businesses, the main drivers of economic prosperity and job creation in Canada. I propose completely eliminating corporate income tax for small businesses with fewer than 300 employees.

For large and medium-sized companies with more than 300 employees, I would replace the current corporate income tax with a corporate sales tax and eliminate all deductions, tax credits and exemptions. The new tax rate would be somewhere between two to eight percent and would be applied only on annual sales.

The one guiding principle with all of these tax reforms is simplify, simplify, simplify.

The proposed reforms, if enacted, would also make our tax system fairer. Instead of doling out breaks to the rich and other special interests, the system would provide badly needed tax relief to the average working Canadian and small businesses.

If we want to get our economy firing on all cylinders, we need to first fix our tax system.

To learn more about how we can improve Canada's economy and increase living standards, email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

Author Bio

Frank Stronach is the founder of Magna International Inc., one of Canada's largest global companies, and the Stronach Foundation for Economic Rights (www.economiccharter.ca).

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Haliburton County Historical Society
When: April 18, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Museum, 66 Museum Rd.
Please join the Haliburton County Historical Society and Fay Martin, Vice President of Places for People, and learn what Places for People is all about!

Sunday Friends Drop-In
When: April 28, Noon to 3 p.m.
Where: Sirch Bistro, 49 Maple Ave. Haliburton
LGBTQ+ Senior and Allies, please join us for the first 'Sunday Friends' drop-In. Light lunch provided, donations appreciated! Share a story, make a friend! Register with Zeffy on Facebook, Aging Together as Community, or peterfquinton@gmail.com by April 22. Do you need transportation? Sponsored by ATAC, partnering with Minden Pride and Sirch.

Finding Your Power
When: Tuesday, April 30 at 7:30 pm
Where: Schofield Room, Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St.
You are invited to a discussion with Fay Martin, author, organizer and activist (faymartin.ca), about Finding Your Power as part of a series on "Making our Communities Better Places", preceded by music with Gord Kidd. Open to all, no admission charge, light refreshments provided. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Stanhope and Community Fly-In to Spring
When: May 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: 1168 Stanhope Airport Rd, Algonquin Highlands
Bring the entire family to the 2024 Fly-In to Spring event! See antique and classic aircraft, enjoy a variety of food and drinks, and see model aeroplanes, firetrucks and MNR displays. Aeroplane and helicopter rides available. For more information contact Steve Dewey at sdewey@algonquinhighlands.ca

Youth Garden Club
When: May 7, 6 to 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Center, 55 Parkside St.
Join the Minden & District Horticultural Society for the next meeting of the Youth Garden Club. The club is for children in Grade 2 or higher that want to explore their interest in all things that grow. The May meeting will be getting the Cultural Pollinator garden ready to host the new pollinator plants.

A hungry chipmunk steals some grub from a birdfeeder. /Photo by Guenter Horst

Rotary Club of Minden presents a cheque to Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre, formerly Abbey Retreat Centre. /Submitted

Minden Rotary Celebrity Clowns conduct goofs and gaffs for kids to raise money. /Submitted

Minden Rotary seeks members, fellowship

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Dave Woodcroft was looking for something to do in the community. After seeing road tolls taking place in Minden, Woodcroft became a member with Minden Rotary. Soon after, Woodcroft helped with the COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

"That got me rolling into rotary," says Woodcroft.

"Rotary International is a large organization," says Woodcroft. "It's all over the world."

"We do a lot of work locally. We raise money locally and we have meetings where we invite people to talk about what their needs are and that's how we find out who needs funding locally," says Woodcroft. "We do raise some money for international projects, but most of our work in Minden is for global projects. We give donations to the food bank and help build the community gardens. Next week, we are building the community garden's shed."

"We raise money for a lot of local youth initiatives," says Woodcroft. "We sponsor the Interact Club at HHSS with Haliburton Rotary." The Rotary clubs send candidates from the highschool to Ottawa in two different programs. The first involved learning about politics and the jobs involved and the other is Adventure in Citizenship where students learn about the history of Canada and what it means to be a citizen, says Woodcroft.

In addition to sponsoring the water festival and local hockey, Minden Rotary has a road toll in the summer to raise money for local community organizations.

"This year, we are just working on a Rotaryfest," says Woodcroft. For the last two years, Rotaryfest is a festival that celebrates what is going on in Minden. Local community groups and downtown merchants show off the work that they have been doing. Woodcroft is currently working on bringing Rotaryfest to the downtown core of Minden. There will also be games and events for kids.

"We also do cleanup on Deep Bay Road," says Woodcroft. "We walk along the side of the road and pick up litter."

"We get a lot of volunteers, but we'd love to have more members," says Woodcroft. "By being a member you get to be a planner, a stakeholder in what we are doing, and you get a vote that goes on in our club."

There are various Rotary conferences that act as opportunities to meet other rotarians across the province.

"We have a district conference in the fall. At the district conference, we have a lot of speakers. So many excellent ones. Indigenous speakers, last year, we had some people talking about accessibility and hiring people with differing needs. We try to include diversity in everything that we do.

"We are giving back. One thing we don't deny in Rotary is

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Minden Rotary

Thank you to our valued Volunteers and Members!

Through the generosity of people like you, we work to improve our community, working together to make it an even better place.

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Volunteer Appreciation Week

The Haliburton County Red Wolves Would like to thank all our present and past volunteers for all their hard work and commitment to our organization! Our athletes succeed because of your dedication! THANK YOU

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‘Anybody can be a member’

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that it’s a great place to do networking. You meet a lot of people wearing a Rotary badge or a Rotary shirt. You meet a lot of people in your district, in Canada, and across the globe.”

Around the area, Rotary clubs have programs to bring bicycles to Cambodia and work with displaced Haitians in the Dominican Republic. In 2023, Minden Rotary’s golf tournament raised $6,000 for the Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre, formerly Abbey Retreat Centre.

“We are neighbours helping neighbours,” says Woodcroft. “We consider ourselves a family. We meet almost every Monday night and it’s just like having a family dinner where we discuss what we’re up to.”

“Family, friendship, networking opportunities, and giving back. Those are the things that we like to promote and we are actively looking for members.”

“Locally, we need volunteers to help us run our events. We’d love to have members to help us come up with more creative ideas, help us rejuvenate what we have,” says Woodcroft. “We rely on a lot of businesses to support us in terms of donations for our prizes and donations for our two auctions.”

On June 1, Minden Rotary is having their annual Summer Gala. Minden Rotary’s wine fundraiser will be launched at their gala with help from Fielding Estate Winery.

“Rotary is whatever you make it. If you want to give back to your community, we have ample opportunity.” Recently, a local artisan has joined rotary as a way to give their artwork to a good cause and give back to their community, says Woodcroft.

“Meeting people,” says Woodcroft. “Meeting people from all over the district and if you are wanting to do some sort of international aid, there are opportunities there.”

Rotarians welcome all people of any age.

“Anybody can become a member,” says Woodcroft.

Rotarians collect funds from the road toll in Minden. /Submitted

Rotarians show off their tools they used to build the Minden community gardens.

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See What It’s About!
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Turtles Guardians connects us to nature

by THOMAS SMITH
Editor

In 2016, Leora Berman, cofounder and COO of the Land Between Charity and founder of Turtle Guardians, declared a turtle crisis.

"Turtles are so vulnerable compared to most other wildlife," says Berman.

"All the turtle biologists and conservation groups weren't really targeting kids, they weren't working with kids or community members."

"It takes them so long to replace themselves. Six years to replace themselves the first time. Now we have lost more than 70 per cent, the estimate is at."

"It's got something to do with climate change, but it's got a lot to do with development," says Berman. "So if we're gonna learn how to take care of this planet for our kids, then we've got to interact with nature, just look around."

"The largest development footprint across North America is for housing. It's not to meet a housing crisis, it's beyond what we need. Most people take for granted the native plants around them and the trees. Native plants are hosts to moths and butterflies and insects that feed the birds and the fish and the frogs and the turtles."

"We are always looking for balance, we are not anti-development, but we find that development favours very few and doesn't support future generations. It doesn't think about the future," says Berman.

"As soon as you take away the base of the food web, the whole thing collapses. As the world gets richer, we're destroying it."

"It's been proven over and over that connecting to nature, going for a walk in nature is really important for our intelligence and our mental health. So we want healthy kids for generations"

Turtle Guardians conducts research across eastern North America and has chapters in the United States. In the future, it may even become its own charity, says Berman. Turtle Guardians is actively recruiting volunteers to assist in a variety of turtle conservation efforts.

"We do research in terms of turtle populations. Hot spots where they are injured, we install mitigation measures, so ecopassages to move turtles. We install specialized fencing to puss turtles through culverts that are large enough. We put up billboards and crossing signs and then we mobilize community members to be on the scene to patrol roads, to monitor wetlands, and advocate for protecting those wetlands. Turtles are very fixed to their homes, they don't adjust easily or quickly."

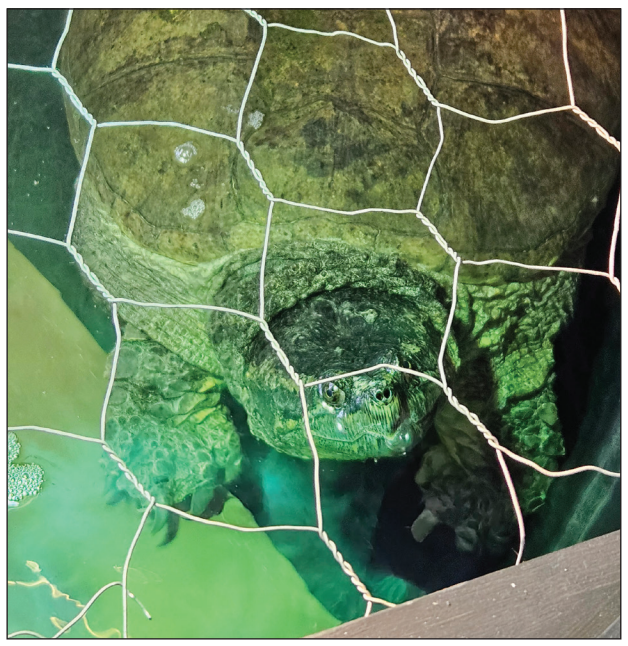
Turtles in cottage country have to cross roads about 12 times per year, says Berman. In a perfect world. Turtle Guardians strive to be there to assist turtles in crossing the road safely. Crossing the road is very dangerous and is another huge factor in the decline of turtle populations.

"A turtle can lose 70 per cent of its blood and still survive. Never assume that a turtle is dead," says Berman. Intentionally hitting a turtle comes with a hefty fine and potential jail time.

Turtle Guardians offers adult training workshops to teach people how to handle turtles and gain insight to what they are thinking. A variety of training workshops including nest sitter training will be coming up for Turtle Guardians. Turtle Guardians will be open for tours soon.

"We have about 100 people a day that come through here. We have a whole summer of turtle camps for kids and stuff for toddlers like tiny tots turtle time and snake camp. We run about five different camps," says Berman.

A Blanding's turtle stretches out at Turtle Guardians. /THOMAS SMITH Staff



Timothy the snapping turtle awaits a tasty snack at Turtle Guardians.

Sparrow the rat snake has a home at Turtle Guardians enriching guest's experiences and teaching children about nature.

"The really cool thing about the volunteers is we have so many families that volunteer as a family. So the adults will sign up and register and the kids, if they register, they have to have an adult. When the family registers, they can have a team name and have friends that join that team," says Grace Wiley, head of Turtle Guardians.

People from all over volunteer with Turtle Guardians, including some folks going through cancer remission and legionnaires from Haliburton.

"They really feel it enriches their life because you get to do something meaningful and you get to interact with wildlife. When you get to work with another soul on that level, it's a privilege," says Berman.

"The really cool thing about turtle work in general is, it's an instant reward in gratification. When you help a turtle cross the road, you know you've done an amazing thing. For nest sitters, if baby turtles are successfully hatched in the incubator, people are invited back to watch the hatchlings get released," says Wiley.

"What other thing do you do where you get this amazing reward of meeting the babies that you've saved," says Wiley.

"They're ancient, they're mysterious, they're endearing. To interact with such a sacred being is amazing," says Berman.

"They're also so weird," says Wiley. "Like the butt breathing, they breathe through their butt in the winter."

"The turtles are out and we've seen them basking," says Berman. "We've just got a report of a Blanding's turtle which is starting to migrate, which is a month early." If the turtle is out and there is another drop in temperature, it is possible the turtle can be cold stunned and easily available to predators.

If you see a turtle crossing the road or a turtle nesting, Turtle Guardians has a hotline where you can report it at 705-854-2888.

The Land Between also hosts other programs to connect kids to nature including Moth Monitors and Bird Buddies. Other initiatives include monitoring snakes, planting meadows, and restoring shorelines, says Berman.

"We're very inclusive," says Berman. 'We are really happy to work with all facets of this community to save turtles and also find solutions."

"Volunteering is really rewarding, especially when you are working with animals," says Wiley.

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Student volunteers bring generations together

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For their contributions, volunteers are the chocolate chips in life's plain pancakes.

Whatever the cause or the organization, volunteers of all ages selflessly give hours in service that contributes to a community. And they start early at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Interact clubs bring together young people 12 to 18 years old to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of service above self. Participation works hand-in-hand with the school's leadership class.

"In both Interact and the Leadership class, students learn the importance of helping others and how to help create the community that they want to see," said Christine Carr, a teacher at the school.

Interact clubs organize at least two projects every year. One project that helps participants' school or community and one that promotes international understanding.

Rotary club sponsors volunteer mentors and guides Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills.

According to the Rotary Clubs website, participants get to connect with community leaders to take action to make a difference in their school and community.

The program opens doors to the discovery of new cultures and promotes international understanding which seasons a young person toward becoming a leader in school and community.

"Students learn how to plan, organize, and implement initiatives and work towards creating and achieving their goals," Carr said.

Students decide in both Interact and Leadership class the areas in which they want to focus and create initiatives to help achieve their goals.

"That means that they learn how to organize an event from the very beginning, when it is just an idea, to the end result, when they can see the good that they have accomplished," she said.

"Through volunteering their time and efforts, they learn how they can make a direct impact on their school and community."

One of the initiatives Interact club students brainstormed at the semester's start was Extendicare. They considered such issues as raising awareness about homelessness in the county, awareness about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and supporting intergenerational initiatives.

Carr said the topic of intergenerational initiatives came about when student Elizabeth Matthew attended and spoke at the Aging Together as a Community Conference in January at Pinestone Resort. She spoke about the creativity and community involvement of local youth.

Then the Interact students decided one way to encourage intergenerational connections was to volunteer their time at Extendicare.

"The students are looking forward to visiting a couple of times over the semester to volunteer in different ways," Carr said.

Students will read to the residents of the long-term care facility. And soon they'll help clean up its courtyard area.

Carr said she's a strong supporter of volunteering within a community. There are many amazing programs and initiatives happening throughout Haliburton County that are run and organized by volunteers.

> "Students learn how to plan, organize, and implement initiatives and work towards creating and achieving their goals."
>
> — CHRISTINE CARR

"Without these efforts, our community would not be the place it is today," she said. "I like seeing students getting involved as they can see how they, themselves, can have a direct impact on making their community a better place and will hopefully continue volunteering into the future."

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Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, 2023/24 held at Sir Sam's Ski / Ride, Haliburton. / Photo credit Amanda Rowden

Volunteers help optimize health care delivery

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

To say volunteers are important to health care is an understatement.

Lauren Ernst, the communications and employee experience lead at Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said the work of volunteers in varied capacities is impactful and makes a difference to patients and staff.

This year's National Volunteer Week theme is Every Moment Matters.

"Each of our incredible volunteers walk the talk of this statement beyond measure," Ernst said.

"Whether taking a shift in the gift shop, offering valuable input on a committee, supporting our long-term care homes, the auxiliary, in hospice, on the road delivering food, or supporting our community support services programs, our volunteers offer a compassionate perspective, a warm smile, valuable insights, and are appreciated more than words can say."

More than 200 volunteers give their time and energy between HHHS and the HHHS Foundation to optimize health care in the region.

Some of our longest-serving volunteers have been taking part however they've been needed since the 1980s.

Whether a team member for decades or days, the compassion, dedication, and ongoing commitment by volunteers to the Highlands is second to none, she said.

"We are always looking to welcome more volunteers into the family," Ernst said. "Specifically in community support services, long-term care, and within the hospital itself."

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AH thanks volunteers

It's National Volunteer Week and Algonquin Highlands Council is celebrating the many residents who volunteer their time and energy to make Township events, activities, attractions and programming a reality.

"Council wishes to thank all Algonquin Highlands volunteers for their numerous and important contributions to our community," says Mayor Liz Danielsen. "From those who assist with the planning and execution of the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival, to those who help with the Stanhope Soccer League, to those who bring their ideas to the table as part of the Township's advisory committees, we want you to know how thoroughly appreciated your efforts are. Volunteers are the backbone of our community, and in a small, rural municipality such as ours, much of what goes on would simply be impossible without them. That's not hyperbole; it's a fact."

"The Algonquin Highlands Recreation Committee has been incredibly busy with recent activities as well as planning a series of action items stemming from a survey the committee conducted last fall. We look forward to what 2024 has in store. The Stanhope Municipal Airport Advisory Committee is overseeing the triumphant return of events to the airport, hosting a marvelous Fall Fly-In last September. Members have been putting hours of meticulous planning into the Stanhope & Community Fly In to Spring event, which will take place at the airport on Saturday, May 4, as well as fly-in events for the summer and fall."

"Both the Dorset Heritage Museum and Stanhope Heritage Museum are curated and operated by dedicated volunteer committees who work tirelessly to preserve local history and bring it to life for visitors," Danielsen says. "These completely volunteer-run institutions are vital cultural assets, not just for the Township of Algonquin Highlands, but to the County of Haliburton as a whole."

"And a huge thank you goes out to the members of Algonquin Highlands Fire Services," Danielsen continues. "Volunteer fire departments are crucial to community safety and well being in small communities. Members regularly sacrifice their personal time in order to attend training and put their personal safety on the line in times of emergency. The volunteers of AHFS have our deep respect and appreciation."

The Township of Algonquin Highlands will be hosting a volunteer appreciation reception later this year and will be sharing event details in the near future.

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Meet Rotaract Haliburton Highlands

Rotaract is a service club for young people ages 18 to 35 who are dedicated to finding innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges while developing leadership skills and making friends from around the world.

Rotaract clubs decide how to organize and run their own clubs, manage their funds, and plan and carry out activities and service projects that are important to their communities.

The Haliburton Highlands chapter of Rotaract was founded March 2020, right before the pandemic. Since then, the chapter – while meeting largely virtually – developed a community outreach program called Helping Hampers that provides basic needs items to individuals in the community, created multiple interactive recreational opportunities to help with social isolation during the pandemic, and volunteered at numerous community events.

The goal of Rotaract clubs is to bring members together to share ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract groups work side by side to provide community and social services and ultimately change communities.

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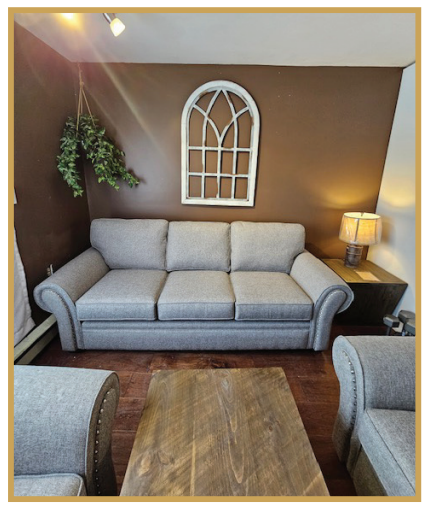

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On First Responders Day, members of Haliburton County Paramedic Service, municipal fire departments and the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police have collectively come together to invite the public to a Haliburton County Community Open House to learn more about the critical role both professional and volunteer emergency responders have in keeping our communities safe.

Residents of all ages are invited to visit bases, halls, and stations throughout Haliburton County on May 1 from 3 – 7 p.m. for a variety of activities. Members of the public will be able to meet emergency personnel, learn about available programs and services, hear about volunteer and career opportunities, understand how to prepare for emergencies, and get an up-close look at emergency equipment and vehicles. (Activities vary at each location).

Locations:

Algonquin Highlands (Fire)
Stanhope Firefighters Hall
1123 North Shore Road

Highlands East (EMS, Fire)
Highlands East Fire Dept –
Station 4 2259 Loop Road, Wilberforce

Dysart et al (EMS, Fire, OPP)
Dysart Fire Dept & EMS Base
South Street (behind the arena)

Minden Hills (EMS, Fire, OPP)
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Quick Facts

• The First Responders Day Act was enacted by the Province in 2013 to recognize and honour the work of "men and women who, in the early stages of an emergency, are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence and the environment." (Source: https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s13011)

• First Responders include volunteers and professionals who work as police officers, firefighters, military personnel, paramedics, medical evacuation pilots, dispatchers, nurses, doctors, emergency medical technicians and emergency managers.

• The month of May also marks National Physicians' Day (May 1), National Nurses Week (May 6 to 12), Emergency Preparedness Week (May 5 to 11) and Paramedic Services Week (May 19 to 25).

• Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative since 1996. During Emergency Preparedness Week, Canadians are reminded to get familiar with potential risks in their area, make an emergency plan specific to their household and build a 72-hour emergency kit. To learn more visit: https://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/en/living-here/emergency preparation.aspx

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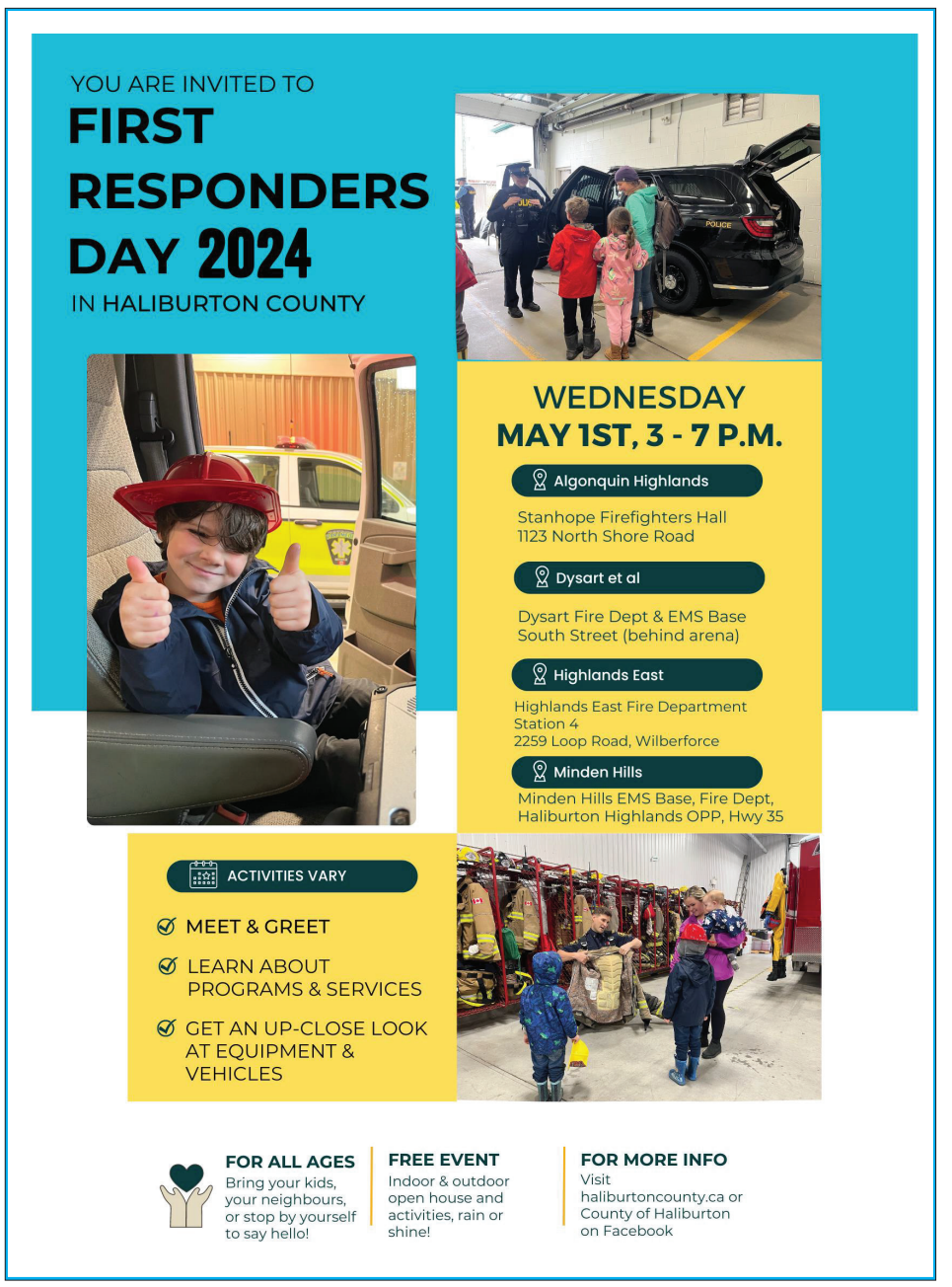
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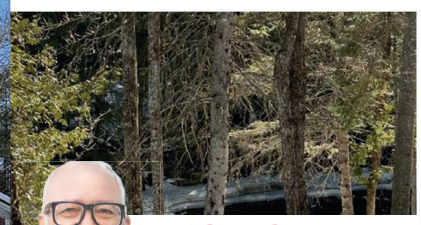

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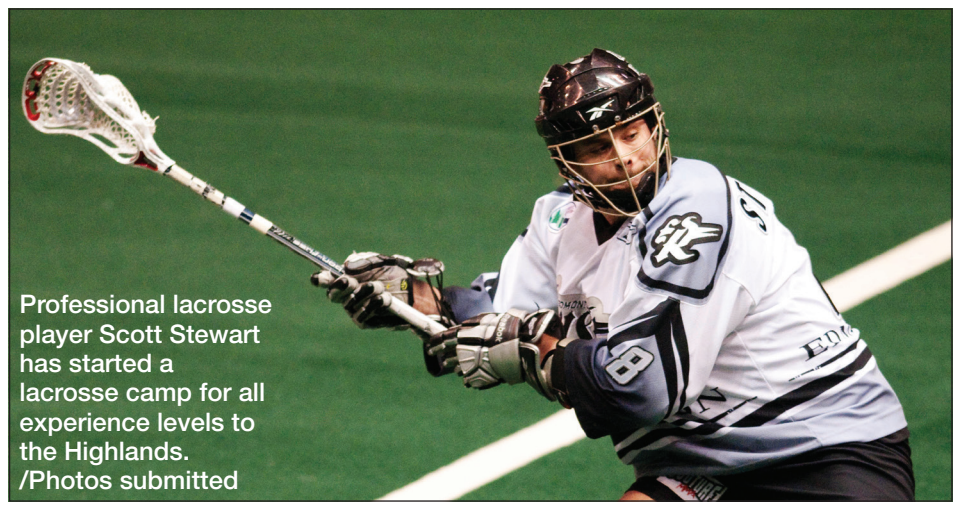

Professional lacrosse player Scott Stewart has started a lacrosse camp for all experience levels to the Highlands. /Photos submitted

Pro brings lacrosse camp to county

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

Scott Stewart, former professional lacrosse player in the National Lacrosse League, has recently moved to the County with his family and is excited to share his love for the sport in the Haliburton Highlands.

"I did a skate school this winter, and all the parents said I should start teaching lacrosse here because there aren't any local opportunities for kids to play," Steward said. "It's just so fun. I loved it growing up, and for me it was an escape from the pressure and seriousness of hockey."

Stewart started playing lacrosse at age 8 and hockey at age 3.

He played in the OHL as a young adult before shifting his focus to professional lacrosse for 12 years.

"I got drafted in the first round very young, turned it down, and then got drafted in the first round again and took it. It was such a great experience. I got to travel a lot and am so lucky to have had that opportunity."

Having grown up in Brantford, he spent his summers playing lacrosse on the Six Nations reserve.

"The roots of the game are so important. Lacrosse is an Indigenous sport that was played long before Europeans got here. I'm grateful to have played with a local Indigenous community growing up," he said. "The Creator's Game is what it's called."

Stewart will be teaching lacrosse history at the camp.

It'll run for six weeks from Tuesday, April 23 to Tuesday, May 28 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

The cost is $150 per child.

Scott's wife Nicole is currently the chair of Razzamataz.

"We came up here and thought, if you can dream it, you can do it."

Stewart said lacrosse is the perfect way for hockey players to condition and train during the off season.

"A lot of kids looking for that edge in hockey should consider trying it out," he said.

There will be a free lacrosse night on Thursday, April 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym hosted by Scott for kids ages 8 and up to have the chance to try it out before registering.

The event is sponsored by the Minden Tim Hortons, and Bracebridge Source for Sports will be there wil lacrosse equipment available for purchase.

Running shoes, a caged helmet, and gloves are required. Sticks are provided.

For more information or to register, email laxstar8@gmail.com or call 416-735-9564.

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The Haliburton County Home Builders' Association is working to address the employee shortage in the county!

The labour shortage in Haliburton County isn't going away. We believe that bringing back the Job Fair Day at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will allow the students and employers to come together in a familiar place to discuss job opportunities. This event is scheduled on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

Job Fair Day will be an event where businesses of all different sizes and industries from across Haliburton County will be on display in the high school cafeteria for students and others to meet and learn what is available close to home. This is a perfect place for students to bring their resumes and talk to employers about summer jobs or post secondary employment.

This is not a 'trade' only Job Fair. We would like to include as many businesses as possible from across Haliburton County. We will also have outdoor space available for any participants who would like to bring larger tools or equipment.

Job Fair Day will be free to participating businesses, visitors and students. The event will take place on **Wednesday May 8, 2024. Starting at 8:30 am until 1:00 pm** in the High school cafeteria.

We would like to encourage you to add this to your list of must attend and register for space with the HCHBA as soon as possible. **Please contact the Home Builders Association before April 30, 2024**, so we can plan the space properly.

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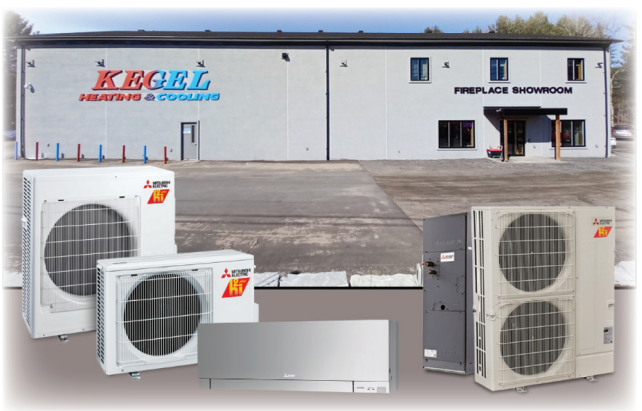

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The Internet isn't dead yet

ERIN KERNOHAN-BERNING
Humans and Technology

IN THE 1960s, Lake Erie was declared dead. The smallest of the Great Lakes (by volume) was plagued by algae blooms and low oxygen levels, killing fish and other critters. This environmental catastrophe had been caused by industrial pollution, largely from a lack of government oversight that allowed factories to dump their waste into Lake Erie and the rivers that feed into it. One of those rivers, the Cuyahoga River, became emblematic of this rampant pollution when it caught on fire in 1969.

In 2023, Emily M. Bender, Professor of Linguistics at Washing State University, described a different kind of pollutant in a different kind of ecosystem. She had shared an image of what was captioned as an adorable baby peacock. Wide eyed and with brilliant metallic blue and green feathers, she was soon informed that the image was generated by an AI image generator. When she did a Google image search for "baby peacock" among the legitimate photos of gangly little brown and white peachicks was a proliferation – an oil spill, as she put it – of the AI generated fantasy art that in no way resembled the reality.

The idea that our online information ecosystem has been polluted by junk information is not new. In 2011 it was content farms using human-generated low-quality content, later that worry was supplanted by bots proliferating nonsense across the internet, and today it's the surfeit of AI generated content entering our searches and social media feeds. This flood of non-human generated, synthetic content has helped to bolster and popularize the Dead Internet Theory. However, declaring the internet dead may be both premature and counterproductive.

The Dead Internet Theory states that the internet is no longer a place where humans create content, but where any purported human-generated content is actually created by Artificial Intelligence. It plunges into conspiracy theory territory by inferring that the entirety of the internet is now a means to control and manipulate the humans that unwittingly consume content with all AI controlled by the government, corporations, and other iterations of "the man."

The Dead Internet Theory keys-in on the very real problems of anti-competitive behaviour among tech giants, particularly those in AI, as well as the proliferation of synthetic content in our digital ecosystem. However, where the Dead Internet Theory is counterproductive is the nihilism with which it conceptualizes those problems. Proponents of the Dead Internet Theory see everything on the internet as being fake, with nothing being deemed trustworthy.

When dead fish littered the shores of Lake Erie, and photos of flames on the Cuyahoga River made the front pages of newspapers, people didn't just ironically shrug and give up. Rather, a rush of environmental protection regulations during the 1970s and 1980s resulted in a decrease in pollution and increase in the monitoring of lake health. Today, the water quality in Lake Erie is far better than it was in the 1960s. The ecosystem is still fragile and continued vigilance is still required, but the littlest of the Great Lakes is far from dead.

Likewise, but with caution, regulation is needed to clean up the internet. Emily M. Bender, at a Congressional round table, stated "When Dow or 3M or Exxon or whomever spills chemicals into the physical ecosystem, we work to hold them accountable. We should build similar protections for our information ecosystem." Morten Rand-Hendriksen, an instructor with LinkedIn Learning, is also a proponent of regulation but cautions that large companies can manipulate the regulatory process to their advantage if non-tech savvy policy makers fail to heed the advice of impartial experts.

Another issue with the Dead Internet Theory is that its key tenets are demonstrably not true. Yes, some parts of the web are littered with AI generated content. But the web still has human generated content and human interaction. For example, I am a verifiably real human-being with a web presence. You can read my articles here and on my blog at erinkernohan.ca, I post photos of flowers and bugs to Instagram, and I talk to other real humans on social media that I've met in person. You probably do too.

The assumption that there are no humans on the internet creates a dehumanizing effect. The more we believe who we are interacting with aren't human, the more we stop treating each other humanely. Likewise, if we consider all content fake with no critical thought, then we lose a foundation of agreed upon facts and any measure of trustworthiness. We fall from healthy skepticism into dangerous cynicism.

We need to view AI-generated pollution on the internet the same way we view environmental pollution – as a problem we need to solve and can solve with humans and our common good in mind. And we need to act before something catches on fire.

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To restore a proper relationship between man and his environment, between man and other living creatures will require a long sustained political, moral, ethical, and financial commitment far beyond any commitment ever made by any society in the history of man. Are we able? Yes! Are we willing? That's the unanswered question." These were the words spoken on April 22, 1970, by US Senator Gaylord Nelson who founded Earth Day.

Marine biologist Rachel Carson, in writing her now famous book *Silent Spring* (1962), alerted the world to the environmental impacts caused by the increasing and indiscriminate use of highly toxic and persistent synthetic herbicides and pesticides. Her courageous work helped to shape a growing environmental consciousness. Although she passed away 60 years ago this month, she clearly helped to set the stage for the very first Earth Day. What might Rachel Carson have said to us today?

"It is not half so important to know as to feel."

"The human race is challenged more than ever before to demonstrate our mastery, not over nature but of ourselves."

"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature"

"One way to open your eyes is to ask yourself, "What if I had never seen this before? What if I knew I would never see it again?"

The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us of the extent of our local and global inequality as the most vulnerable among

us have suffered the greatest. This is also the case for polluted ecosystems and for our climate crisis which continues to present an ever greater overall threat to planetary life. Loss of habitat and biodiversity are exacerbated by global warming. For those of us primarily in the west, who've had the luxury of practicing social distancing and access to food, water, and shelter, we have shown that we can change our behaviour.

Maybe we're learning that our habitual and at times rather unconscious habits of mindless consumption, travel, and investment, which levy a toll on those we may never see, are not essential to our lives. While enjoying the luxury of the acclaimed western lifestyle, we do so at the cost to other human beings less fortunate, and to all other life with whom we share this amazing planet. This awareness could be the 'silver lining' within the dark cloud of the pandemic.

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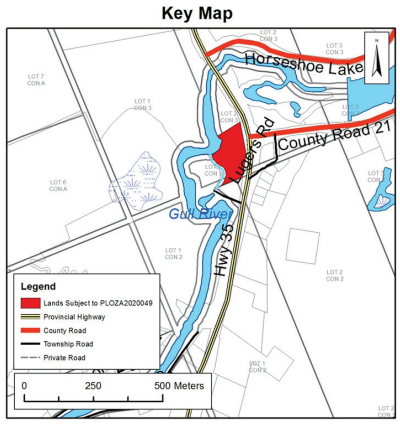
VACANT LAND AT HIGHWAY 35 AND COUNTY ROAD 21
(PLRZH2024022; related application PLOZA2020049)

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received an application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 for the removal of a Holding (H) Symbol pursuant to Section 36 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site-specific amendment applies to vacant land located west of Highway 35 at County Road 21 (see Key Map below).

Key Map



AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills may make a decision to pass the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to remove the Holding (H) symbol no earlier than the May 9, 2024, meeting of Council, held at the Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, but may consider the amendment at a later date.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT:
The subject property is presently zoned Residential Type Two Exception Fifteen Hold (R2-15 (H)). The purpose of the application is to remove the Holding (H) symbol and allow for the development of the property in accordance with the underlying Zoning, R2-15, approved through By-law 21-68 of application PLOZA2020049 to permit development of the site in the form of 36 dwelling units. The Holding (H) provision required MTO clearance and site plan approval.

Additional information regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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The Music Room presents Don Ross

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

"This will be the second time I've played the music room," says musician Don Ross. "I used to live in Kawartha Lakes. I always get a really warm welcome. Mark and Craig are great at the Music Room."

The Music Room was started in 2023 by the trio Mark Christiano, Anna Lowes, and Craig Titus.

Ross says his current musical inspirations include Robert Glasper, Grégory Privat and Holly Humberstone.

Don Ross's latest full-length album, *Water*, was released in 2023.

"A lot of tunes were written when we were still living in Nova Scotia," says Ross. "I started a Master's degree, an MA. I had a great excuse not to travel."

The song 'Seabright' was written in the municipality of the same name, near Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia.

While most people know Ross for guitar, Ross does not consider himself a 'guitar guy' but enjoys the portability of guitar.

"There's an interesting eclectic nature of the music," says Ross. "R&B, funk, and soul music, it all seems to get in there somehow," says Ross.

Don Ross is currently touring with Kent Nishimura, a 21 year-old musician born in Osaka, Japan. At the age of 14, Nishimura became the youngest grand champion of the National Fingerstyle guitar competition in Japan.

"He's only 21, he's a bit of a wunderkind," says Ross.

In the last few years, Nishimura's YouTube page has received 329,000 plus subscribers with many fans from all around the world. Nishimura's music is primarily cover songs that are exquisitely done. A variety of songs from the 70s and 80s are played at his show like Steely Dan.

"He is well versed musically," says Ross. "He is a genius with the way he does his tunes."

This is Nishimura's first tour across North America. The pair's tour began in Sudbury and have tour dates in places like Sault Ste Marie, London, Montreal, and two dates in Michigan.

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Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the age of 98.

Beloved husband for 70 years to Elaine (nee Minaker). Dear father of Lorraine and her husband Jeff Lancaster, and Rick Gilmore. Loving grandpa of Ashley, Charlene, Daniel, Connor (predeceased - 2009). Dear brother of Jean Campbell and predeceased by Ritchie, Bobby and Dorothy. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, April 19, 2024 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Harry's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery, Ingoldsby.

For those who cannot attend, Harry's Celebration Service will be livestreamed at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com. The link for the service is in the Photos and Videos and will appear the day of the service at 1:00 pm and will remain on the website for one week.

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Education budget tops $9 million

The cost of education in Haliburton County has climbed over the $9 million mark for the first time.

On April 22, the Haliburton County Board of Education approved the 1986 budget of $9,102,000 up 6.9% over last year's total.

Ratepayers in the county will be responsible for $5,683,565 of the total with the remaining portion of the budget being covered by provincial grants.

Municipal levy increases range from 4.06% to 7.29% with the county average being 7.11%.

The increase in the levy may be higher than the rate of inflation but it is considerably less than the jump in taxes paid by local property owners in 1985. While last year's budget increased by only 6.65%, the municipal levy rose by 19.4%, due, in part, to the trend to decrease provincial assistance.

Since 1980, when the county budget was set at $5.25 million, the overall budget has increased 73% while the provincial assistance for ordinary expenditures has risen by only 43% from $2,260,000 in 1980 to $3,329,000 this year.

Ratepayers in the municipality of Dysart et al, will be responsible for the largest share of the municipal levy - 31% of the total, or $1,773,559. Anson, Hindon and Minden ratepayers will pay $1,137,125 or 20% of the total. The municipal levy for the Township of Stanhope covers 11.6% of the total, or $659,465.

Salaries, transportation costs and expenditures on supplies and services add up to the lion's share of the total costs. Instructional salaries will amount to 56% of the total budget. The $5,107,000 figure represents an increase of $405,900 over 1985.

Administration, secretarial, clerical and caretakers salaries have increased by $85,500 to $839,100.

Transportation costs, which account for 12% of the budget, total $1,093,000, an increase of $66,000 from last year.

Eleven per cent of the budget will be spent on supplies and services. The predicted expenditure of $993,095 exceeds last year's total by $24,823. Employee benefits will rise from $323,915 to $379,345.

Because of the need to carry out repairs to several schools, the expeditures for repairs and alterations will

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Lesley Tashlin breaks the tape to win the 100 metre dash in a record time of 13.8 seconds during the track and field meet held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Thursday. Eight school track and field records were broken during the annual meet despite the inclement weather. For story and more pictures, please turn to page 12.

Report will track acid rain readings

As more people are aware, acid rain is a serious problem in many parts of the world. The Highlands of Haliburton are particularly vulnerable to the impact of acid rain because of the thin soil and reduced buffering capacity of the land, lakes and rivers.

In an effort to increase the awareness of area residents to the effect acid rain is having on our area, The Times begins a regular report with this week's issue, Acid Rain Report.

The Acid Rain Report will provide information on recent rainfalls at the Dorset testing station of the Ministry of the Environment. The report will normally appear on page 2.

This week's report covers the period April 27 to May 3. Only one precipitation event was recorded in the time period, that being on May 1. The mixed rain and snowfall was measured at 7 cm with a pH of 4.3. The precipitation passed over Indiana, Ohio and Southern Ontario before being registered at Dorset.

Environmental damage is usually observed in sensitive areas regularly receiving precipitation with pH less than 4.7. pH readings less than 4.0 is considered serious.

Meeting will consider heritage park

At 7:30 tonight (May 7) the Minden County Town Museum Committee will hold a public discussion of its plans to erect a Heritage Park on land adjacent to the Minden Museum. The discussion will be held in the Anson, Hindon and Minden council chambers.

The committee proposes to include in the park a pioneer settlement made up of a bank, a barn, a store, a church and a number of log houses. Funds to meet the cost of the park - if the public agrees to it - will come, it is hoped, from the Provincial Ministry of Culture and Recreation, the Municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden and possibly from area service clubs.

Stan Hill, a member of the Museum Committee, says the idea for the park was first put forward two years ago, after a Haliburton resident donated to the Minden Museum a two storey log house, built in the mid-nineteen hundreds. "People have been donating artifacts to the museum ever since it was erected on its present site," but, says Hill, the log house required different treatment. The park, he argues, is a way to save the building and many others like it around the county.

"We are trying to preserve the heritage of Haliburton County," and that includes, says Hill, everything from books and old tools to buildings. "We want to have something here for local residents, many of whom are related to the first pioneers." "And it will also be a tourist attraction for the county."

Hill acknowledges that the proposed park will probably not provide any full-time jobs. "We hope to make use of volunteer help." The buildings the committee hopes to place in the park, Hill says, will require little maintenance.

HHSS athletes break 8 track and field records

Eight HHSS track and field records were broken Thursday afternoon as athletes from throughout the county participated in the annual school meet. Alex Little turned in three record breaking performances to lead the day of competition.

His records came in the 400 meter run with a time of 55.9 seconds, the 800 meter run with a time of two minutes, 9.8 seconds and the 1500 meter run with a time of four minutes 26.4 seconds. The record breaking hattrick also earned Alex the senior boys championship with a total of 21 points.

Other athletes re-writing the record book included: junior girl, Lesley Tashlin in the 100 meter run with a time of 13.8; senior girl, Miriam Smith in the discus with a toss of 29.6 meters; junior boy, John Vanderhorst in the 100 meter run with a time of 11.8; junior boy, Ted Paish in the 1500 meter run with a time of four minutes 32.4 seconds; and junior boy, Brad Archer in the shot put with a distance of 12.68 meters.

Jodie McKnight was named the midget girls champion with a total of 15 while Tanya Willison was the runner-up with 13 points.

Leading the junior girls was Lesley Tashlin with 20

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Key Findings from Community Research on Aging

From January - March 2024, Aging Together as Community worked with researcher Kat Schouten and U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research to understand the strengths and challenges of aging in Haliburton County. Below is a summary of the methods and findings of the research.

Background

In Haliburton County there is a growing aging population who are looking for resources that will allow them to age in place and age healthily. Aging Together as Community, was formed to mobilize Haliburton County in conversations around aging, fighting ageism and co-creating community supports for seniors.

Research Questions

1. What existing services/resources are currently available to seniors in Haliburton County?

2. What are the challenges seniors face in accessing and utilizing the available services/resources they need to age healthy?

Methods

In Depth Interviews: 9 In-Depth Interviews: 40 minutes in length and conducted with seniors. They spoke about their experience aging here as well as their roles as care partners and services providers in the community.

Survey 1: Seniors: 164 Respondents: This survey was launched and distributed at the Aging Together as Community Conference on January 27th. All respondents live full time in Haliburton County.

Survey 2: Service Providers: 14 Respondents: This survey was launched and distributed through the Aging Together as Community Steering Committee and shared with service providers in the county.

3 Key Findings

i. Why Age Here?

Even as the list of challenges continues to extend, these are three main pillars of why people want to age in Haliburton County.

1. **Welcoming & Friendly Community**
2. **Many Organizations to Get Involved With**
3. **The Natural Environment**

*"This was always a very responsive community. When something happened - if there was a flooding. The whole community would come together to help and that is a wonderful thing. It made a very powerful impact on us – **it's what kept us here and it's what keeps us here."** – Senior, Haliburton County*

ii. Asset Based Map

Throughout the interviews and surveys, over 300 community 'assets' were documented. An asset is a service, event, club, organization or place that a senior uses to age healthy physically and mentally.

Asset Maps Categories
Arts & Culture · Care Partner Supports · Events · Health Care Resources · Organizations · Physical Activities · Support Services · Volunteering Opportunities

iii. Challenges for Aging

1. Affordability & Isolation: Haliburton has some of the highest rates of poverty and with rising costs seniors with lower incomes are experiencing high barriers to access the necessities for healthy aging.

2. Social Connection: Many seniors are deeply engaged in the social activities in Haliburton County, however, this is not true for everyone. Getting involved helps to make sure that people are connected to their communities and helps them know where to turn when they need help. Without this connection many are lost.

3. Health Care: The lucky few with access to a family doctor rave about their great experiences. Those without doctors, try to figure out how they can avoid the healthcare system as much as possible. When PSWs or specialists are needed, they are unaccessible leaving seniors, care partners and neighbours struggling to fill in the gaps.

4. End of Life Planning: Seniors want to understand their options when it comes to having a good death and want the tools to have end of life planning discussions with their families, especially around MAID.

5. Housing & Neighbourliness: Seniors who want to age at home struggle to find supports to age in place. Neighbours who used to help with small tasks around the home, seem to not have time anymore and paid supports are unreliable. Seniors want to understand what types of housing are available to them and understand if there are alternative housing models to support them in aging healthily.

6. Transportation: 'We are still okay because we can drive', was a common statement from seniors. As soon as seniors lose their ability to drive, their ability to socialize, access groceries and access healthcare declines quickly. There is a need for consistent, affordable and accessible transportation options.

7. Mobility & Accessibility: As seniors become less mobile, some of their favourite businesses, public spaces and events start to become inaccessible as they aren't designed for wheelchairs or for safe walking. Seniors dream of towns that are walkable, accessible and fall proof through all the seasons.

Want to Get Involved?

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